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SUBJ: INDO- BANGLADESH DECLARATION

REF : NEW DELHI 4647

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY JOINT SECRETARY FOR PAKISTAN, ASHOK CHIB, CALLED IN POLITICAL COUNSELOR APRIL 19 TO REVIEW JOINT INDO-BANGLADESH DECLARATION. IN SUBSTANCE THE BRIEFING ESSENTIALLY REPEATED ALL INDIAN VIEWS ON THE DECLARATION DESCRIBED IN THE REFTEL.

2. CHIB DID MENTION FOR THE FIRST TIME A SECRET LETTER DATED AUGUST 31, 1972 SIGNED JOINTLY BY PAKISTAN FOREIGN MINISTER AZIZ AHMED AND MR S. GANDHI' S THEN PRIVATE SECRETARY N HAKSAR IN WHICH THE PAKISTANIS " TOOK NOTE" OF THE INDIAN VIEW THAT TRIPARTITE DISCUSSIONS (AND THUS PAKISTANI RECOGNITION OF BANGLADESH) WOULD
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BE NECESSARY TO RESOLVE SOME OF THE KEY ISSUES, INCLUDING POW'S ,
AND AGREED TO TAKE RECOGNITION UNDER SERIOUS DISCUSSION. HE ALSO
MENTIONED THAT THE SWISS AMBASSADOR TO INDIA, WHO WAS IN ISLAMABAD
LAST WEEK, HAD BEEN TOLD BY AZIZ AHMED THAT THE PAKISTANIS CONTINUED
TO HOPE THAT THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE BANGALDESH.
DESPITE ALL THIS, PAKISTAN HAD STILL NOT RECOGNIZED. INDIA
THOUGHT IT A MAJOR STEP FORWARD THAT THE CURRENT DECLARATION PUT
THE ISSUE OF RECOGNITION ASIDE AND FOCUSED ON THE RESOLUTION OF THE
PROBLEMS OF PEOPLE IN ALL THREE COUNTRIES. HE OBSERVED THIS HAD BEEN
POSSIBLE FOR BANGLADESH LARGELY BECAUSE IT WAS NOW RECOGNIZED BY
MOST OF THE COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD AND RECOGNITION BY PAKISTAN NO
LONGER SEEMED SO CRITICAL.

3. CHIB SAID INDIA DID NOT YET HAVE ANY SECRET UNDERSTANDINGS WITH
BANGLADESH ON HOW THESE TRIALS WOULD BE CONDUCTED. HE EMPHASIZED,
AS HAD OTHER INDIAN OFFICIALS, THAT THE DECLARATION WAS NOT
NEGOTIABLE

IN THE SENSE THAT PAKISTAN COULD PICK THOSE ELEMENTS IT LIKED OUT OF
THE DECLARATION AND DISREGARD THE REST. IF PAKISTAN AGREED IN
PRINCIPLE

HOWEVER, SPECIFIC MODALITIES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT WOULD
BE
OPEN TO NEGOTIATION.
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